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City Council Supports Modified WMATA County Bus Routes

by Thomas X. White

At a special meeting of council on Monday, July 19 the proposed restructuring of the several bus routes serving Greenbelt were again debated, analyzed, “tweaked” and ultimately given an endorsement by a majority of the City Council. By a vote of 6 to 1 with Councilmember Roberts voting no, council adopted a motion made by Councilmember Leta Mach and seconded by Councilmember Konrad Herling that would authorize the city staff to communicate the city’s conditional support of a modified proposal for restructuring the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (WMATA) Metro bus routes serving Greenbelt and a complementary change in TheBus routes that are managed by the Prince George’s County Department of Public Works and Transportation (DPW&T). The vote took place after two hours of presentations, comments and discussion on a modified proposal put forth by WMATA that was produced following the council meeting of July 12 and made available on July 19.

Support vs. Delays

It became apparent during the special meeting that the WMATA leadership and officials at the Maryland Department of Trans-

portation felt that unless there was city support for the proposed changes, the item would likely face further delays in the planning process and the restructuring plans would be delayed. Faced with that dilemma the council majority opted to keep the restructuring on a track that would require all input on the WMATA proposal by August 10, WMATA committee action by September 9, WMATA board action at its meeting of September 23 and implementation of the new routes on December 26. County DPW&T officials at the meeting indicated that the schedule could be accommodated by them and service changes for TheBus routes could be made at the same time as the WMATA changes.

TRU-G Views

Transit Riders United – Greenbelt (TRU-G) was represented by Jennifer Errick. She reported that TRU-G members met to discuss the latest proposals on Saturday July 17 and there was a diversity of opinion on the latest proposed restructuring of routes. She noted that there appeared to be more and better bus service planned for some areas of the city and a loss of service for other areas. She also noted that TRU-G cannot speak for everyone and feels

that there may be many people who are not fully aware of the proposed changes. She attributed this to insufficient public education by WMATA and the county on their proposed changes. For these reasons, TRU-G has opted to take no stand on the proposed changes now before the council. Errick listed concerns identified by TRU-G such as the lack of coordination between WMATA and DPW&T, a lack of assurance as to what the final routing map will look like; likely Metro Access cuts, the new timed transfer approach, lack of likely connectivity for areas of the city. The available maps do not show the actual proposed new stops, continuing lack of Sunday service for Greenbelt residents dependent on transit and a need for more and better public communication on transit options for residents.

Staff Recommendations

Terry Hruby, assistant planner for Greenbelt, had provided council with a list of nine conditions that city staff recommended as conditions for any approval by council for the modified restructuring plan. As part of the discussion of the motion to support, councilmembers added additional

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Last Year’s Outstanding Citizen Is Still Active

by Joe Timer

The Outstanding Citizen award is presented annually to a Greenbelt citizen who has provided exemplary volunteer service, past and present. Jean M. Cook – Greenbelt’s 37th Outstanding Citizen – and the other recipients of the Outstanding Citizen Award have provided countless hours of un-publicized service.

When asked about her reaction to being selected Greenbelt’s 2009 Outstanding Citizen, Cook responded, “I was overwhelmed.” Her husband Ed had told her a friend was to be named Outstanding Citizen and that they should attend.

As she listened to the presentation, she recognized that the attributes of the awardee matched her own experiences.

A committee selects the Outstanding Citizen based on nominations submitted by the community. One nominator noted that “Jean has been quietly serving the Community since her arrival in 1971.” Another commented that she is the “embodiment of . . . the spirit of Greenbelt.” Other nominators described her



Jean Cook

with such words as “quiet competence,” “caring teacher” and “Good Samaritan.”

Cook’s volunteering portfolio in Greenbelt alone is impressive – GIVES (Greenbelt Intergenerational Volunteer Exchange Services) – volunteer and president; Greenbelt Combined Choir (choir director since 1975); Greenbelt Board of Elections (judge); Labor Day Festival (Miss Greenbelt

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Council Reviews County Green Plan Legislation

by Barbara Hopkins

The Prince George’s County Council approved a Green Infrastructure Plan in 2005 and introduced recent legislation to implement it. The county council was scheduled to consider the legislation and hold a public hearing on July 13. In anticipation, the Greenbelt City Council at its meeting on July 12 reviewed the legislation to provide feedback as part of the public hearing record.

Changes to Regulations

Terri Hruby, assistant director of the city’s Department of Planning and Community Development, provided information about the bills (CB-26-2010 through CB-32-2010). Hruby thinks the legislation strengthens the county’s environmental laws and will enable successful enactment of the Green Infrastructure Plan.

An exception to her support, however, concerns the legislation’s failure to address the interest of the Greenbelt City Council in stream buffer widths. The

minimum 75-foot stream buffer width still does not apply to all three tiers (Rural, Developing and Developed), which the city had recommended after reviewing the Plan in 2006. The legislation increases the minimum stream buffer width from 50 to 60 feet in the Developed Tier, to 75 feet in the Developing Tier and to 100 feet in the Rural Tier.

During the legislative process County Councilmember Thomas Dernoga had introduced an amendment proposing to widen the minimum buffer in the Developed Tier to 75 feet to address water quality issues. However, the rest of the council did not offer enough support. The issue therefore was compromised at the 60-foot minimum stream buffer width in the Developed Tier.

Other changes are increases to the payments for fee-in-lieu of replanting destroyed woodlands and

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Greenbelt Community Foundation Awards Summer 2010 Awards

by Dorrie Bates

On July 11 the Greenbelt Community Foundation (GCF) presented checks totaling over \$13,000 to the grant recipients of the organization’s Summer 2010 grant cycle at a reception held in the Greenbelt Arts Center. Representatives from the Greenbelt Museum, the Greenbelt Arts Center and Camp Fire USA received money for projects which included a restroom restoration, a community victory garden and seed money for a mobile Computer Education Program in Greenbelt West.

GAC Restrooms

The Greenbelt Arts Center received a \$5,000 grant to help with the renovation of its public restrooms. Because of the poor condition of the existing facilities and the need to become compliant with current ADA regulations, the project begins with the removal of the current fixtures and a complete reworking of the space. The grant will enable them to get an engineering estimate and begin the process of designing the new facilities with an architect’s help. In accepting the award Joan Jacobs underscored the importance

of the project to the community of theater-goers and the on-going success of the GAC.

Museum Garden

The Greenbelt Museum presented a proposal to establish a Victory Garden on the museum property on Crescent Road and was awarded \$3,250. In addition to being historical, the project is timely given the current economic conditions. The Victory Garden will be linked to the Museum’s new exhibit on the history of gardening in Greenbelt. “The Greenbelt Museum is extremely grateful for the Greenbelt Community Foundation’s support of our new exhibition,” says Museum Curator Megan Searing-Young. “Their grant not only allows us to install a timely, relevant exhibition . . . it will also help us to bring that story to all areas of Greenbelt, including Greenbelt East and West, through innovative programming.”

Computer Center

Using its \$5,000 grant in conjunction with other funds, Camp Fire USA plans to develop a mobile computer center which will

give access to Greenbelt West residents to computer equipment and training. According to Rosemary Pezzuto, chief executive officer, Camp Fire USA-Patuxent Area Council, the computers will allow students and adults to have the necessary resources to complete homework, create resumes and prepare correspondence, generate a newsletter for the community, engage in online learning and participate in academic webinars hosted by Camp Fire USA. The Camp Fire Community Center at Empirian Village, Springhill Lake Elementary School, Springhill Lake Recreation Center and Greenbelt Middle School are among the possible sites for the center.

After presenting the checks, GCF Co-chair Emmett Jordan recognized the service of outgoing GCF Advisory Board members Sylvia Lewis, Leta Mach and Barbara Simon. He also welcomed new Advisory Board members Dorrie Bates, Jim Cohen, Jim Fischer, Bill Hunt, Barbara Havecost and Daryl

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What Goes On

Saturday, July 24

9 a.m. to noon, Electronics Recycling, Public Works Building Yard. Special arrangements are needed for drop-off of more than 10 items and items over 50 lbs.

Monday, July 26

8 p.m., Council Worksession with the State Highway Administration, Municipal Building. Live on Verizon 21, Comcast 71 and streaming at www.greenbeltmd.gov.

Letters to the Editor

Thanks, Setting Record Straight

Thank you for the nice profile of me in the paper last week. I hope it will encourage many people to nominate someone for Outstanding Citizen. I have always felt it is the highest honor anyone can have in Greenbelt.

However, I would like to make a few corrections to the article. My son has a daughter (not a son). My husband, Darrell, and I have four delightful grandchildren – all girls. Also, when I left work at the National Cooperative Business Association (NCBA), I was creating online educational programming, which got cut, but the conferences for NCBA continued. Rochdale, England is the site of the original cooperative store, the inspiration for Greenbelt’s co-ops rather than a model for our city. While I am very proud of the Geocache trail, I can’t claim credit for promoting it at an Artful Afternoon; instead that is where I learned about geocaching and then was able to promote it at the Maryland Municipal League Communications Committee.

I look forward to hearing the name of this year’s deserving Outstanding Citizen at the Labor Day Festival.

Leta Mach

Send us a letter to share with your neighbors about your observations, concerns, gripes and accolades regarding local issues.

Letters must contain your name, address and phone number.

Laurel Race Track Centennial Exhibit

The Laurel Race Track opened in October 1911. Next February the Laurel Museum will open a special centennial exhibit about the famous horses, movie stars, exciting races, jockeys and life in the backstretch in “And They’re Off!: 100 Years at Laurel Park.”



The exhibit will explore the history and racing highlights at Laurel Park and the track’s impact on the Laurel community. Over the years races like the Washington International and the Maryland Million have drawn large social crowds and celebrities ranging from Elizabeth Taylor to the Aga Khan.

Horses from Secretariat to Seabiscuit to steeplechaser Billy Barton and jockeys such as Eddie Arcaro and Ron Turcotte and trainer Lucien Laurin have been part of the Laurel racing scene. The museum is still collecting stories and objects for the exhibit. For questions or to contribute to the exhibit call 301-725-7975 or email director@laurelhistorical-society.org.

The museum is at 817 Main Street in Laurel and is open Wednesdays and Fridays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and Sundays from 1 to 4 p.m. The website is www.laurelhistoricalsociety.org.

THANKS

We appreciate everyone who helped to make Peace Month in Greenbelt a success in 2010.

First of all, thank you to the City Councilmembers for sponsoring this month devoted to peace and for Assistant City Manager David Moran’s work on many levels to help it happen.

We also appreciate Arts Director Nicole Dewald including us as part of the June Artful Afternoon and for the assistance of Beth Fendlay in preparing for that day.

Thanks to the businesses that let us use their space free of charge: Pleasant Touch and the New Deal Café.

Many thanks to all the groups who sponsored and organized events and to the individuals who coordinated specific activities: David Clarke of the Greenbelt Concert Band, Laura Bonkosky’s Yoga for Peace, Roya Bauman of the Greenbelt Baha’i Community (two activities), Matt Arbach of Greenbelt Writers Group, Joe Murray of Ancestral Knowledge and Rev. Dan Hamlin and Jim Fisher of Greenbelt Interfaith Leadership Association.

Finally, a big thank you to everyone who attended an event, contributed a bicycle, folded a paper peace crane, listened to the band play “Let There Be Peace on Earth,” etc.

From the following members of Prince George’s Peace and Justice Coalition:

Alexander Barnes,
Erin Collins, Bertram and Marjory Donn, Lucy Duff,
Donna Hoffmeister,
Tony Langbehn,
Doug Love, Shirley Middleton,
Pat O’Leary and Bill Orleans

Mishkan Torah Has Blood Drive Sunday

Mishkan Torah Synagogue will sponsor a blood drive on Sunday, July 25 from noon to 4 p.m. in the synagogue at 10 Ridge Road. Call 1-800-448-3543 to schedule a life-saving donation.

Camp Fire Celebrates 100th Year July 31

Camp Fire USA is celebrating its 100th year of serving youth and families with a centennial campfire on Saturday, July 31 at 7:30 p.m. at Elks Camp Barrett in Crownsville. The celebration will be a very traditional Camp Fire Ceremonial with opportunities for alumni and current youth members to share their stories.

All are invited, with a special invitation to Camp Fire alumni to join in celebrating this important milestone in Camp Fire history.

For more information email CampFireUSA@alumnidirector@campfireusa-patuxent.org or call 301-565-4360.

Electronics Recycling Is this Saturday

Electronics recycling will be held on Saturday, July 24 from 9 a.m. to noon at the Public Works facility, 555 Crescent Road. City residents, businesses and organizations can recycle old and/or unwanted computers and other electronic items.

For more information call 301-474-8308.

Patuxent Fetes Local Duck Stamp Winner

On Saturday, July 31 from 1 to 4 p.m. the Patuxent Research Refuge will hold a reception in celebration of Maryland artist Robert Bealle, winner of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service’s 2010-2011 Federal Duck Stamp competition. Bealle, a native of Waldorf, is the first Maryland artist to win this prestigious contest in 44 years.

Duck stamps are pictorial stamps produced by the U.S. Postal service for the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. They are not valid for postage. Created in 1934 as the federal license required for hunting migratory wildfowl, Federal Duck Stamps are now sold primarily to raise funds for the purchase or lease of wetland habitat to be protected in the National Wildlife Refuge System.

The event, which is open to the public at no charge, will include live waterfowl on display, children’s art and craft activities and waterfowl research displays. After a brief ceremony at 1 p.m., Bealle will be available to sign artwork, stamps and other items and to meet with visitors. He will also be available to discuss Duck Stamp design with young artists interested in wildlife art and the Federal Junior Duck Stamp Program.

As part of this event, Bealle will recognize the work of Feathers and Friends Wildlife Rehab Center Ltd. in Waldorf. Guests who donate a minimum of \$20 to Feathers and Friends will receive an artist print of a swan while supplies last. In addition, there will be a silent auction to benefit Feathers and Friends.

The National Wildlife Visitor Center is located off Powder Mill Road between Route 197 and the Baltimore-Washington Parkway. Visit patuxent.fws.gov or call 301-497-5763 for details.

August 3 Is to Be National Night Out

Plan to come out to join Greenbelt neighbors for National Night Out from 7 to 9 p.m. on Tuesday, August 3 when the Greenbelt Police Department, City of Greenbelt officials and dozens of residents participate in 2010 National Night Out activities.

National Night Out has proven to be an effective, inexpensive and enjoyable way to promote neighborhood spirit and police-community partnerships in the fight for a safer nation and stronger, safer communities.

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Grin Belt



“That was an earthquake son,
not a supersonic boom.”

Clarification

The News Review received a challenge from a reader who did not recall seeing any coverage of the potential postal substation closing and was not able to find reference to it in an internet search.

The City Manager’s proposal to close the post office substation was noted in budget articles on the front page of the April 22 and May 6 issues. Council discussion of the proposal was reported on page 6 of a May 27 article that began on page 1.

With numerous budget proposals put forth, the articles failed to highlight or headline this issue as might have been helpful to those readers who had concerns about the matter.

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Greenbelt Community Center at 15 Crescent Rd.
OFFICE HOURS: Monday 2 - 4 p.m., Tuesday 2 - 4, 8 - 10 p.m.

Community Events

Rt. 201 Bridge Work Requires Closure

The Maryland Highway Administration has advised the city that overnight demolition work that is part of the construction project on the Kenilworth Avenue (Route 201) dual bridges over the Beltway will necessitate double and triple lane closings starting Sunday, July 25. The work is expected to last up to two weeks, weather permitting.

The \$5 million rehabilitation project, begun this spring, should be complete by summer next year. As part of the overnight work by Pessoa Construction, drivers can expect lanes to be closed along both sides of I-95/I-495 overnight Sundays through Thursdays from 9 p.m. to 5 a.m., with double lane closures starting at 10 p.m. and possible triple lane closings at 11 p.m.

Traffic on the bridge should be unaffected and will maintain the current traffic pattern. Shoulder closures will continue 24 hours a day for the duration of the project, as well as single lane closures Monday through Friday between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m.

Menu for Senior Nutrition Program

The Senior Nutrition “Food and Friendship” program provides lunches for seniors Monday through Friday at the Community Center beginning at noon. Meals must be reserved by 11 a.m. two days ahead so that enough food is ordered. Call 301-397-2208, ext. 4215.

All meals include bread and margarine, coffee or tea and skim milk. Menus for July 26 through 30:

Monday – Cranberry juice, barbecued ribette, steamed cabbage, home-fried potatoes, nectarine.

Tuesday – Vegetable soup, turkey cutlet with gravy, cornbread stuffing, sliced carrots, lemon sherbet.

Wednesday – Grape juice, meat lasagna, Caesar salad, green beans, peach supreme.

Thursday – Tomato soup, meatloaf with gravy, mashed potatoes, sliced beets with onions, yellow Jello with fruit.

Friday – Grape juice, baked pollock with sauce, corn with carrots and cauliflower, rice, sliced watermelon.

GHI Notes

Thursday, July 22, 6:45 p.m., Investment Committee – Board Room

7:30 p.m., Finance Committee – Board Room

Friday, July 23, Offices Closed (Emergency maintenance available, call 301-474-6011)

Wednesday, July 28, 7 p.m., Buildings Committee Meeting – Board Room

7:30 p.m., Companion Animal Committee – GHI Lobby

Saturday, July 31, 11 a.m., Pre-purchase Orientation – Board Room

Committee and board meetings are open; members are encouraged to attend.

Free Food Preparation Workshop on July 31

On Saturday, July 31 from 2 to 4 p.m. Transition Greenbelt will offer a free workshop at the Greenbelt Community Center, room 114, on two hands-on food preparation methods – sprouting and solar food drying. Workshop leaders will be Patri Gershanik, who will discuss the benefits and uses for sprouting nuts, grains and seeds and Maggie Cahalan, who will share methods for drying food to preserve it beyond the typical life span. Participants will work with sprouts and prepare food for drying.

Sprouting

When nuts, grains and seeds sprout, they go through biochemical changes, becoming rich sources of amino acids, B vitamins, proteins and more. Attendees will learn how to sprout, the benefits of sprouting and how to create a “sprouting garden” at home. Wheatgrass, a source of Vitamin C, containing 19 amino acids, trace minerals, antioxidant properties and other health benefits, will be featured. It is inexpensive to buy and easy to grow. Bring a canning-size jar or two to take home sprouts.

Food Drying

Food drying through the use of solar energy is an excellent method of food preservation that maintains a high level of flavor and nutrients, while providing a convenient, compact, easy-to-store supply of favorite produce. Solar dehydrating is an easy, non-fossil-fuel-using way to preserve favorite fruits, vegetables and mushrooms and herbs.

This part of the workshop will focus on preparing food for drying, best foods for drying, setting up the food in the dehydrator, knowing when the food is dried, problem solving and sharing dried food together.

For more information email Lore Rosenthal, lore@simplicity-matters.org or call 301-345-2234.

Come to Sing-along Next Wednesday

The public is invited to join the Greenbelt Recreation Department’s Creative Kids Camp and Circus Camp for a one-hour Camp/Community Sing-along in the Community Center Gymnasium on Wednesday, July 28 at 12:30 p.m. Songbooks will be provided. Accompanist Steve Brodd will be at the piano, with songs led by Chris Fominaya and Chris Cherry. Come sing favorites by Gershwin, Berlin, Rodgers & Hammerstein and more.

For information call the Community Center at 301-397-2208.

Join Teleconf. Call On Free Access TV

Those interested in protecting the right to free public access television will want to join in a Greenbelt Access Television (GATE) conference call on Wednesday, July 28 at 4 p.m. with the Alliance for Community Media and other access stations from around the country. Find out what can be done to protect the right to P.E.G. access – Freedom of Speech (public), the right to learn (education) and the right to be informed (government).

The availability of P.E.G. channel access and funding is the reason city council meetings, candidates’ forums and local music festivals are available for viewing. Reduction or removal of P.E.G. channel access and funding sought by big telecom companies threatens the flow of that information to communities, including Greenbelt.

The GATE channel is available on Comcast 77 and FIOS 19. The Greenbelt Municipal Channel is on Comcast 71 and FIOS 21.

The GATE Studio is located in the Greenbelt Community Center in Room 204 at 15 Crescent Road. Light refreshments will be available.

For more information call the studio at 301-507-6581 or email info@greenbelttv.org.

Café Cajun Jam On Wednesday

On Wednesday, July 28 there will be a free Cajun Jam at the New Deal Café from 7 to 9:30 p.m. It is for dancers, musicians and listeners who enjoy Cajun music. Beginners are welcome.

For more information call 301-434-5642 or email swopes123@aol.com.

Wellmobile at SHL

On Monday, July 26 the governor’s Wellmobile will be at Springhill Lake Elementary School from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Call 1-866-228-9668 for more information or to schedule an appointment for a free health screening.

Upcoming Events At New Deal Café

On Thursday, July 22 from noon to 2 p.m. pianist Amy C. Kraft plays mid-day melodies. Evening brings the monthly Songwriters Association of Washington open microphone night from 7 to 9 p.m.

On Friday, July 23 New Deal Piano Man John Guernsey plays snappy jazz and blues tunes from 6:30 to 8 p.m. (every Friday and Saturday). From 8 to 11 p.m. the Hot Club of DC plays Gypsy Jazz.

Saturday, July 24 from 5 to 8 p.m. the Not2Cool Jazz Trio will play an outdoor concert from 5 to 8 p.m. in Roosevelt Center. Indoors, from 4 to 6 p.m. classical guitarist Bruce Krittr gives his weekly performance. From 8 to 11 p.m. Diana Wagner plays traditional folk and Appalachian tunes.

Sunday, July 25 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Jim Stimson plays Renaissance lute. He plays the first, second and fourth Sundays of each month. From 3 to 5 p.m. come to hear or join the Darbuka Dawg Drum Circle. Jack Couldn’t Make It plays old-time folk music from 5 to 8 p.m.

Next Week

Steve Haug, the New Deal “wandering minstrel,” plays folk music from 7 to 9 p.m. on Tuesday, July 27. Haug plays the fourth Tuesday of each month, playing a variety of instruments including guitar, banjo and mandolin. Wednesday, July 28 brings the monthly Cajun Music Jam from 7 to 9 p.m. The weekly open microphone session is held from 7 to 9 p.m. on Thursday, July 29 with music, poetry, prose, storytelling and humor welcome. On Friday, July 30 Julia Rose brings folk music to the Café from 8 to 11 p.m. Saturday, July 31 Kerq is Back! Blues guitarist Kevin Robinson returns with a Café favorite, Kerq’s jazz funk fusion, from 8 to 11 p.m. On Sunday, August 1 from 5 to 8 p.m. the Lady Rose Blues Band will play.

For more information call Chef Karim Kmaiha at 301-474-5642 or visit www.newdealcafe.com.

Books Sought For PTA Booth

Bookshelves overflowing? During August, the Greenbelt Elementary School PTA will collect used books to sell at the Used Book booth at the Labor Day Festival.

Book donations may be dropped at Co-op Supermarket by Tuesday, August 31. At-home pick-up for large donations can be arranged; leave a message at 301-474-2041. Donations are tax deductible; just ask for a receipt.

It is easiest to handle books in boxes, packed spine side up and sorted by fiction or nonfiction; but of course, all books are accepted.

Money raised through the book sale is used by the PTA to support school events, arts, music and science programs, for teacher appreciation and student rewards and to purchase items needed by the school. More information about the PTA is on the web at <http://greenbelt.com/gespta>.

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ON SATURDAY \$5.00

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Adults: \$8.50
Students/Military: \$7.50
Children: \$6.00
Seniors: \$6.50

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Week of JULY 23

FRI. – SAT.
Twilight: Eclipse, PG-13
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Ramona and Beezus, G (!)
11:40, 2:10, 5:10, 7:45, 10:25
Despicable Me IN 3D, PG
11:40, 2, 4:20, 6:45, 9:15
Inception, PG-13 (!!)
11:30, 2:45, 6, 9:15
The Sorcerer’s Apprentice, PG (!!)
11:30, 2:20, 5:05, 7:40, 10:20
Salt, PG-13 (!)
11:50, 2:30, 5:10, 7:50, 10:30
The Last Airbender, PG
11:40, 2:10, 4:50, 7:30
Predators, R
10:20
Grown Ups, PG-13
11:30, 2:10, 4:50, 7:30, 10:10

SUN. – THU
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Greenbelt Arts Center

Opening this Weekend

GREENBELT VOICES

Produced by Transitions Theater, Inc.
Come see stories about your community!

Fridays, July 23 & 30, 2010 at 8pm
Saturday, July 24, 2010 at 8pm
Sunday, July 25, 2010 at 2pm
Saturday, July 31, 2010 at 2 pm

Tickets are \$12 Adults
\$10 Students and Seniors

COMING SOON:
August 6 – 15 - Charleston Revisited -
A guest production from the 7th Street Playhouse, directed by Erica Drezek ,
written by Anthony Gallo

123 Centerway • Greenbelt, MD 20770
<http://www.greenbeltartscenter.org>
Located underneath the Greenbelt CO-OP

Call 301.441.8770 for more information

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Community Events
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and 10.

Obituaries

Ray D. Wickline, Jr.
Former Green-belter Ray David Wickline, Jr., 63, of Hagerstown, Md., died Sunday, July 18, 2010, at Washington County Hospital in Hagerstown.



Born July 8, 1947, in Wash- ington, D.C., he was the son of the late Ray D. Wickline, Sr. and Ellen Elizabeth Mills Wick- line. He lived in Greenbelt for 34 years at 2 Court Laurel Hill Road.

Mr. Wickline retired after 30 years service with the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission on December 4, 2004. After his retirement he became an active genealogist.

He was a member of the Maryland Automotive Modelers Association. He enjoyed going to antique car shows.

He is survived by his wife, whom he married on April 19, 1969, Lois Beers Wickline; one daughter, Wendy Louis Wickline of Hagerstown; two sons, Carl David Wickline of Chambersburg, Pa., and Kurt Vincent Wick- line of Laurel, Md.; one sister, Laura Wickline of York, Pa.; two brothers, Robert Wickline of Han- over, Pa., and Roger Wickline of Riverdale, Md.; six grandchildren, James, Aaron, Emily, Ashley, Al- lison, Megen and L.J.

A memorial service will be held Friday, July 23 at 11 a.m. at St. Paul United Methodist Church, 750 Norland Avenue, Chambers- burg, Pa.. The Rev. Lenore Ho- sier will officiate. There will be no viewing or visitation.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donation may be made to Ameri- can Heart Association, P.O. Box 5216, Glen Allen, VA 23058 or American Diabetes Associa- tion, Maryland Area Office, 800 Wyman Park, Suite 110, Balti- more, MD 21211.

Arrangements were by Min- nich Funeral Home, 415 East Wilson Blvd, Hagerstown, MD.

Online condolences are ac- cepted at www.minnichfh.com.

“Greenbelt Voices” Debuts at Arts Center

“Greenbelt Voices – Vignettes about Our Town,” opening at Greenbelt Arts Center this week, is a first for Transitions Theater. Founded in 2008 by Melissa (Misha) R’kingsley, the com- pany aims, she says, “to engage, empower and educate not only the volunteers who shared their stories but also the actors and the audience members.”

Performances are on Friday, July 23 and Saturday, July 24 at 8 p.m.; Sunday, July 25 at 2 p.m.; Friday, July 30 at 8 p.m.; and Saturday, July 31 at 2 p.m. Call the Greenbelt Arts Center at 301-441-8770 for tickets or pur- chase tickets prior to each show.



Catholic Community of Greenbelt MASS

Sundays 10 A.M.
Municipal Building



Our sympathy to Julie McHale, co-director of the Greenbelt Rec- reation Department, on the death of her mother Leona R. Jacobs on July 13, 2010.

We were sorry to hear of the death of Ray D. Wickline, Jr., of Hagerstown on July 18, 2010. He was a longtime Greenbelter.

Condolences to Donald Dors- ey, Lee Dorsey and Shirley Wolfe and their families on the death of their brother Charles (“Chuck”) Dorsey on June 29, 2010. Charles Dorsey and his late wife Joyce were former resi- dents of Plateau Place and Lake- wood. A memorial service will be held at Borgwardt Funeral Home on Saturday, July 24, at 2p.m.

Congratulations to:

– Ryan Q. Nguyen, who has been accepted at Saint Vincent College for the fall 2010 semes- ter. He is the son of Quang and Tina Nguyen and graduated from St. John’s College High School in June. A member of St. Hugh’s parish, at St. John’s he was a member of the French Club and plans to major in business at Saint Vincent.

– News Review staffer Angela and husband Chris Stark of 7

Court Research Road on the birth of their son, Mason Isaac Stark, born July 12, 2010, at 4:16 p.m. He weighed in at 5 lbs. 14 oz. and 20”.

– The Greenbelt Municipal Swim Team, which finished its season undefeated with a 297- 265 victory over Montpelier last Saturday. Triple winners for the week, who placed first in all their individual events, were Natasha Chomko, Genavera Gannon and Michael Stevens, who set new team records for 13-14 Boys 50 Freestyle and 100 IM and a new Montpelier pool record for 13-14 Boys Backstroke.

– Sofia Zocca, who is ap- pearing in the cast of the Prince George’s Summer Teen Theatre production of “Footloose.” In- formation on dates, times and fees can be found online at www.pgstt.org.

Send us your reports of new babies, awards, honors, etc. to share with our readers. We’d especially like to hear more from our neighbors in Greenbelt East and Greenbelt West. Email us at newsreview@greenbelt.com or leave a message at 301-474- 6892.

– Kathleen McFarland



BERWYN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Berwyn Heights, MD 20740
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1-800-22-UNITE 301-345-2918
Greenbelt.Bahai.Info@gmail.com www.bahai.us



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Rev. Fay Lundin, Pastor

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Prayer Meeting Sun. 9:45 am





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July 25, 10 a.m.


“Lammas, the First Harvest” led by Tabitha Pierzchala, with Tish Hall, worship associate

The harvest season approaches. As a church, what have we sown? We continue the tradition of a harvest altar. Please bring gleanings from your garden to share.



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135 Crescent Road, Greenbelt, MD 20770
301-474-4322



Mass Schedule:
Sunday 8:00, 9:30, 11:00 a.m.
Saturday 9:00 a.m., 5:00 p.m.
Daily Mass: 7:15 a.m.
Sacrament of Penance: Saturday 3:45-4:45 p.m.
Pastor: Rev. Walter J. Tappe
Pastoral Associate: Rev. R. Scott Hurd

St. George’s Episcopal Church

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Services

- Sundays
8 a.m. simple, quiet service (no music)
10 a.m. main service
(music includes a mixture of acoustic guitar, piano and organ music)
- Wednesdays
7 p.m. service with healing prayers (no music)

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Sunday	9:45 am	Sunday School
Sunday	11:00 am	Worship Service
Wednesday	7:00 pm	Prayer Meeting/Bible Study

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Register for Primary Election by August 24

Voter registration for the September 14, 2010, primary election will end on Tuesday, August 24 at 9 p.m. Registration applications may be obtained online, over the phone or in person.

Applications are also available in the office of City Clerk Cindy Murray, Greenbelt Municipal Building, 25 Crescent Road; and at the following county motor vehicle administration (MVA) locations Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.: the Motor Vehicle Administration, 10251 Central Avenue, Largo; and 11760 Baltimore Avenue, Beltsville.

Online applications may be downloaded from the Maryland State Board of Elections website, at elections.state.md.us/voter_registration/application.html or by calling 301-430-8020. As of this writing, the TTY number has not been made available through the Prince George’s County Board of Elections website. Applicants must fill out registration forms and return them to the Prince George’s Board of Elections, 16201 Trade Zone Avenue, Suite 108, Upper Marlboro, MD, 20774.

Those who register will later receive voter notification cards indicating the voter’s precinct and polling place. Registration is permanent as long as voters continue to live in Maryland and keep their names and addresses current with the election board. Changes of address may be sent to the election board in Upper Marlboro either on a registration application or any other signed written notice.

Although August 24 is the last day for residents to register to vote before the September 14 party primary election, voter registration will reopen on September 27 and close on October 12 at 9 p.m. to enable those who are not registered to do so in time to vote in the general election.

Free Lanham Arts Infusion on Saturday

On Saturday, July 24 from 2 to 8 p.m. will be the Lanham Arts Infusion free music program. It will be held at the Lanham Sports Park, 7700 Good Luck Road in Lanham. Come listen to live performances by Winard Harper, The Marcus Mitchell Trio, Shawn Allen, The Brian Forehand Trio and the featured guest, The Billy Taylor Jazzmobile from New York. This family event will include food, art vendors and fun kids activities.

Tour USBG’s Outdoor Gardens

On July 27 from 10 to 11 a.m. stroll through some of the favorite outdoor garden spaces of gardener Nate Cromley at the U.S. Botanic Garden (USBG). People will get an overview of the garden’s layout and hear stories about why the USBG gardeners chose to plant certain plants. This tour is held outside so wear sunscreen, protective clothing and bring water. The tour will be canceled if it rains.

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City Information

MEETINGS FOR JULY 26-30

Monday, July 26 at 8pm, COUNCIL WORK SESSION with the STATE HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION the Greenbelt Municipal Building, 25 Crescent Road. Live on Verizon 21, Comcast 71 and streaming at www.greenbeltnmd.gov.

Tuesday, July 27 at 7:30pm, FOUR CITIES MEETING (Berwyn Heights)

This schedule is subject to change. For confirmation that a meeting is being held call 301-474-8000 or contact the City Clerk at cmurray@greenbeltnmd.gov.

ELECTRONICS RECYCLING
SATURDAY, JULY 24
9:00 a.m. - Noon

City residents can recycle old and/or unwanted computers and other electronic items. Bring your items to the collection bins located at Greenbelt Public Works, 555 Crescent Road.

Accepted items include: TVs, CPUs, monitors, keyboards, mice, printers, laptop computers, recording equipment, speakers, scanners, surge protectors, wires and power cords, fax machines, cameras, telephones, radios, DVD players, VCRs, CFLs and fluorescent tubes 4’ and under (residential only), alkaline batteries taped on one end, New! Expanded Polystyrene (block “Styrofoam” #6).

SPECIAL ARRANGEMENTS MUST BE MADE FOR DROP-OFF OF MORE THAN 10 ITEMS OR ITEMS OVER 50 LBS. PLEASE CALL IN ADVANCE.

For further information, contact the Greenbelt Recycling Office at 301-474-8308.

COME OUT AND BE PART OF THE AUDIENCE FOR FOX 5
HOMETOWN FRIDAYS!
Channel 5 Fox Morning News will be broadcasting live from Roosevelt Center on Friday, July 30th from 6-10am.
Come out and be part of the show!

Join your friends and neighbors in helping to spread the word of just how great Greenbelt is. Program will feature the Greenbelt Museum, NASA, the New Deal Cafe, the Greenbelt Coop, Greenbelt’s Camp programs, the Mayor, recreational facilities and much more. You are encouraged to stop by and be part of this live broadcast!

VACANCIES ON BOARDS & COMMITTEES

Volunteer to serve on City Council Advisory Groups. Vacancies exist on:

Arts Advisory Board, Board of Appeals, Forest Preserve Advisory Board, Park and Recreation Advisory Board

For information call 301-474-8000.

75th ANNIVERSARY COMMITTEE

The celebration of the City’s 75th Anniversary will occur in 2012. Applications are being accepted from residents interested in serving on this volunteer planning committee.

For information call 301-474-8000.



THE 2010 SCHOLARSHIP SHOW!

FRIDAY, JULY 23
7:00 PM
COMMUNITY CENTER GYMNASIUM

The talented staffers of Creative Kids Camp and Camp Encore are proud to present THE 2010 SCHOLARSHIP SHOW on FRIDAY, JULY 23 at 7:00 pm in the Community Center gymnasium. The entire production is rehearsed on the performers’ own time, as a gift to the community. The suggested minimum donation per ticket is \$5, with all proceeds going to the Mary Purcell Geiger Scholarship Fund, which provides scholarships for Recreation Department classes and camps throughout the year. You can purchase tickets in advance from the Community Center office either in person or by phone, Monday through Friday, 9:00 am to 4:30 pm.

CALL 301-397-2208 for information or to buy tickets.

CITY OF GREENBELT BUSINESSES, ORGANIZATIONS, AND GROUPS...

You are invited to provide coupons, give-aways, pamphlets, flyers, etc to be included in the **WELCOME TO GREENBELT PACKET**. These packets will be distributed to new Greenbelt residents when they move in. Initially, 500 packets will be put together on August 3rd for distribution. Please provide enough materials to put in these packets. Materials may be brought to the Greenbelt Municipal Building, 25 Crescent Road, prior to August 3rd or you may join us that evening at 7:00pm for a “Packet Stuffing Party.” For more information, contact Beverly Palau, Public Information and Communications Coordinator, 240-542-2026 or bpalau@greenbeltnmd.gov.

GREENBELT ANIMAL SHELTER

Congratulations to Tunuky, the Guinea Pig, Baby Keith and Elroy on their adoptions.

Cute kittens are still available at the Greenbelt Animal Shelter. Also, sweet adult cats like Theresa and Tommy Lee! They are waiting to become part of your family. Come visit the Greenbelt Animal Shelter. Open to the public on **Wednesdays from 4-7pm, Saturdays from 9am-12pm or by appointment.** Located behind the Police Station at 550-A Crescent Road. For more information on any of these pets, call 301.474.6124.

Become a fan of the Greenbelt Animal Shelter on Facebook!

SUMMER HEAT RELIEF

Summer 2010 is proving to be a hot one! If you find yourself, a friend, or a neighbor in a situation that makes it difficult to cope with the heat, please seek relief. Look for places with air conditioning to get comfortable. Remember, city buildings are available to you to cool off. City recreation facilities are open until 10pm and are air conditioned. The Greenbelt Police Station is open 24 hours a day and has a small public sitting area. Please check on the elderly and the housebound to make sure they are coping and comfortable.

For City of Greenbelt news, facilities, events, services and information visit www.greenbeltnmd.gov. Also, join the City of Greenbelt on FACEBOOK!

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ideas or specific new conditions that staff will incorporate into a final set of conditions that would accompany a letter of support by Greenbelt to WMATA. Mayor Judith Davis suggested that the letter and the list of conditions be made available to the city’s county representatives on the WMATA Board, Greenbelt representatives to the Maryland General Assembly, Maryland Department of Transportation officials and to the neighboring cities of Berwyn Heights, College Park and New Carrollton.

Hruby’s list of conditions was an amalgamation of specific conditions recommended by staff during the process and a set of conditions of support offered by the city’s Advisory Planning Board. That amalgamated list of nine conditions include:

- Nine Conditions**
- WMATA and DPW&T, in consultation with the City and Transit Riders United – Greenbelt (TRU-G) shall develop a list of performance measures (i.e., ride counts, success rate of the proposed timed transfers at Roosevelt Center, etc. WMATA and DPW&T agree to provide the City with a performance report on a regular basis. WMATA and the County further agree to work with the city and TRU-G to monitor the performance measures and identify improvements (i.e., expanded late night service, expanded Saturday service, Sunday night service and the expansion of the circulator concept into Greenbelt East) that can be made, especially as additional funding becomes available.
- WMATA agrees to maintain, at a minimum, the existing span of service on all new routes.
- WMATA agrees to work with the State Highway Administration, DPW&T and the City to ensure that all new bus stops and pedestrian routes are accessible and safe.
- WMATA and DPW&T, with the assistance of the City, agree to develop and implement a comprehensive marketing campaign

that takes advantage of all available media outlets.

- WMATA commits to preserve the implemented new routing for a trial period which shall be no shorter than the industry standard of 18 months. If it is determined that minor changes are necessary within the first 18 months, such changes shall not be implemented without the consent of the City.
 - WMATA will provide planning support and funding to provide safe, handicap accessible stops where new stops are being added on City and State roads.
 - WMATA will work with the City and provide financial assistance to address any safety issues associated with the Roosevelt Center being a timed-transfer station.
 - The County DPW&T agrees that one of its primary goals is to plan and implement TheBus service to complement WMATA bus service, including improving frequency of service and connectivity.
 - The governmental agencies recognize the importance of public participation in the planning and implementation processes and agree to hold public hearings on future service changes, which shall be properly advertised and held at locations and at times that are accessible by transit.
- Individual councilmembers made suggestions for adding to the list of conditions. In general, the additions were related to or expanded upon the staff list and included a focus on outreach to the Greenbelt business community for transit planning and implementation. Councilmembers put a stronger focus on education of the ridership on the implementation of the new routes and measures that would reach potential new transit riders to assure the success of the changes. Other council suggestions related to the structure of the performance assessment process such as appropriate time intervals and the ability to make changes based upon the assessments.

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to fines for failure to comply with the Woodland Conservation Ordinance. The county legislation also increases tree canopy requirements and increases from two to five years afforestation bonding.

The county also prohibits woodland conservation easements on small lots and creates a dedicated Woodland Conservation Fund where the fees-in-lieu will go. The legislation encourages off-site mitigation to occur within the same watershed as the destroyed woodland.

Bowie Request

The City of Bowie had requested a revision to the stream buffer definition to include all slopes with grades of 15 to 25 percent that are near streams, not just those on very erodible soils. This action would provide more protection to streams and water quality by removing reliance on ambiguous soil information. This suggestion was incorporated into the final draft of the legislation.

The county legislation allows street trees to be used to meet woodland mitigation requirements under certain conditions. The City of Greenbelt had asked for

this provision back in 2007.

At the July 12 city council meeting Councilmember Rodney Roberts opposed sending a letter in support of the bills. Roberts said the legislation is too weak, that the city should oppose fee-in-lieu provisions, which other councilmembers said should be allowed but considered a last resort.

Roberts was the only councilmember to oppose the motion to send a letter supporting the bill, with provisions reiterating the city’s position on the minimum stream buffer width in the Developed Tier and supporting the amendment on stream buffers suggested by the City of Bowie.

According to Hruby, who attended the county council meeting on July 13, the Cities of Bowie and Greenbelt were represented at the public hearing, as were some environmental groups. Members of the building community were also present and spoke against the Bowie amendment, increased fees and various other changes.

When the public hearing was closed, the county council introduced the bills for adoption and they were passed.

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Pennington.

The Greenbelt Community Foundation’s mission is to maintain, improve and enrich the quality of life in Greenbelt by promoting cooperative endeavors and projects that celebrate, respect and build upon the historic legacy and ideals of the original Greenbelt plan. These grants constituted the seventh cycle of awards to Greenbelt organizations by GCF during its three years of existence. The total grants awarded to date amount to over \$54,000 for projects directed to the arts, youth activities, cultural events, charitable organizations, the environment and community organizations.

New Grant Cycle

Additionally the GCF has opened the next cycle for grant applications. Organizations that can apply for funding include non-profit corporations and not-for-profit cooperative organizations. The Foundation encourages associations or working groups that do not meet those categories but are organized to pursue projects consistent with the mission of the Foundation, to consider applying and identifying a qualifying organization to act as a fiscal agent for their project.

Proposals should be sent to the Greenbelt Community Foundation at P.O. Box 234, Greenbelt MD 20768 no later than September 15, 2010. Complete proposals will be reviewed by the GCF Proposal Committee; decisions are made by the full GCF Advisory Board. The next round of grant recipients will be announced in December. To request an application go to info@greenbeltfoundation.net.

Dorrie Bates is a member of the GCF Advisory Board.

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pageant and Boxwood Village Association booth); Greenbelt Elementary School (volunteer); Boxwood Village Association (president, vice president, yard sales, etc.) and Green Ridge House (volunteer).

Special Causes

Music, education and the military are special causes for this retired teacher, who has continually tutored students. Cook started Boxwood Village’s scholarship fund, which is awarded annually to a high-school graduate from that community. This summer she is also volunteering for a new ESL (English as a Second Language) class.

Her impact extends beyond Greenbelt. This Habitat-for-Humanity volunteer has built houses in Bolivia, Honduras, El Salvador and Guatemala with Habitat. On July 11 Cook returned from her 10th trip with Habitat for Humanity. She led the group of 12, ranging in age from 16 to 72, who spent nine days in El Salvador building a house.

Cook commented that she wants her life and her retirement to be of value and pro-

Festival Notes

- Volunteers**
The Labor Day Festival Committee is seeking volunteers to help with the 2010 Festival. The next committee meeting is Tuesday, August 3 at 7:30 p.m. in the Community Center.
- Shuttle**
The committee is looking for shuttle drivers. Shuttles run throughout the Festival weekend. Visit www.greenbeltlaborday.com for more information.
- Outstanding Citizen**
Outstanding Citizen nomination forms are available online at the website and must be mailed to Robert Zugby, 94 Ridge Road, Greenbelt, MD 20770 by August 2.
- Parade**
The parade will take place on Labor Day from 10 a.m. until noon. 2010 marks the 55th year of the parade. The parade route is along Crescent Road from Greenhill Road to Centerway. Groups of all types are invited to participate. Applications can be downloaded from the Labor Day Festival website and must be submitted by August 15. Email greenbeltparade@gmail.com with any questions.
- Miss Greenbelt**
Register now for the Miss Greenbelt Pageants – Princess, Little, Junior and Miss Greenbelt 2010 information is available at www.missgreenbelt.com. Rehearsals are Thursday nights from 6:30 to 9 p.m. at the Community Church.
- The pageant is holding a Bag Bingo on Saturday, August 21, at 2 p.m. at the firehouse to raise money for the pageant scholarship. Coach and Vera Bradley bags will be prizes.
- Once again Five Guys Burgers and Fries will host the Miss

Greenbelt Pageant with proceeds from sales Wednesday, July 28 going to the pageant scholarship. Between 5 and 8:30 p.m. mention supporting the pageant when placing an order and 15 percent will go toward the scholarship. Five Guys is located across from NASA in Cipriano Square.

Booths

Carnival booths are available to recognized Greenbelt nonprofit or civic organizations to raise funds and make festival-goers aware of their existence. Booths must be staffed all weekend from Friday evening through Monday afternoon. Organizations sponsoring booths may sell food and merchandise or host activities. Note that all food booths have to pass a county health inspection. The deadline for booth reservations is August 30. Applications and information packets can be downloaded from the website.

Police

The Police Department booth will feature crime prevention and traffic safety and will be staffed for first aid and medical assistance. Stop by and say hello to McGruff the Crime Dog.

Ride Vouchers

Discount ride vouchers will be sold at Co-op the week before the Festival. Vouchers are good for all-day ride passes that can be used either Saturday or Sunday.

Entertainment

The “Greenbelt Idols” competition will take the stage Friday, September 3 following the introduction of the Miss Greenbelt contestants. On Saturday night, travel back to the 80s with “The Reagan Years.” The “CPR Band” performs Sunday night from 8 to 11 p.m. Monday afternoon’s stage entertainment will feature “The Fabulous Hubcaps.”



Cast Your Vote Today! Nomination form is on page 12.

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Fresh Sweet Jumbo Cantaloupe each	\$2⁵⁰	Red Ripe Grape Tomatoes pint	\$2⁰⁰

Fresh Quality Meats			
Perdue Value Pack Fresh Chicken Thighs	69¢ lb.	Value Pack Beef T-Bone and Porterhouse Steaks	\$4⁹⁹ lb.
Fresh Value Pack All Natural Pork Chops	\$2⁹⁹ lb.	Fresh Lean Beef Boneless Bottom Round Roasts	\$2⁹⁹ lb.
		Kunzler Meat Franks 1 lb.	BUY ONE GET ONE FREE
		Fresh Value Pack 80% Lean Ground Beef	\$1⁹⁹ lb.
		Hatfield Boneless Ham Steaks 8 oz.	\$2³⁹

Dairy		Deli		Frozen	
Dannon Assorted Yogurt 6 oz.	BUY ONE GET ONE FREE	Shurfine Pure Butter Quarters 1 lb..	\$1⁹⁹	Hatfield Cooked Ham	\$3⁹⁹ lb.
Tropicana Pure Premium Orange Juice 59-64 oz.	\$2⁸⁸	Deli Gourmet Roast Beef	\$6⁹⁹ lb.	Green’s Premium Ice Cream Assorted 1.5-1.75 qt.	\$2⁵⁰
		Deli Gourmet Swiss Cheese	\$5⁵⁹ lb.	Shurfine Steam-Its Vegetables Assorted 12 oz.	\$1⁰⁰
Health & Beauty	Seafood	Customer Appreciation Discount Day Wednesday, July 28th 5% Discount to ALL customers on ALL purchases (except stamps and gift cards)		Natural & Gourmet	Bakery
One-A-Day Assorted Vitamins Assorted 18-120 pk.	Fresh Catch Farm Raised Salmon Portions 2-pk.			Itoen Natural Flavored Teas Assorted 16.9 oz.	Fresh Store Baked French Hard Rolles 6 pk.
Western Family Dandruff Shampoo 14 oz.	Canadian Frozen Snow Crab Leg Clusters			Annie’s Homegrown Honey Bunny Grahams 7.5 oz.	Fresh Store Baked Apple Pie 8 inch

Grocery Bargains			
Francesco Rinaldi Pasta Sauce Assorted 16-24 oz.	99¢	San Giorgio Spaghetti & Macaroni Assorted 12-16 oz.	99¢
Kellogg’s Special K Cereal Assorted 11-19 oz.	\$2⁰⁰	Shurfine Peanut Butter Assorted 18 oz.	\$1⁶⁹
		Rice-A-Roni or Pasta Roni Side Dishes Assorted 4-7 oz.	\$1⁰⁰
		Arm & Hammer 2x Liquid Laundry Detergent 50 oz.	BUY ONE GET ONE FREE
		Bumble Bee White Meat Chicken 5 oz.	\$1²⁵
		Sweet Baby Ray’s Barbecue Sauce Assorted 18 oz.	BUY ONE GET ONE FREE
		Chef Boyardee Microwave Meal Bowls Assorted 7 oz.	\$1⁰⁰

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<div><div>Che Gaucho Wines</div><div>1.5 Liter</div><div>\$8⁹⁹</div></div>
<div><div>Sierra Nevada Ales</div><div>6 pk. bottles</div><div>\$8⁶⁹</div></div>
<div><div>Miller Genuine Draft Beer</div><div>12 pk. cans</div><div>\$9⁸⁹</div></div>
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Saturday 9 a.m. until 6 p.m. 301-474-4400

Closed Sunday

Police Blotter

Based on information released by the Greenbelt Police Department, <http://www.greenbeltmd.gov/police/index.htm>, link in left frame to "Weekly Report" or http://www.greenbeltmd.gov/police/weekly_report.pdf. Dates and times are those when police were first contacted about incidents.

DWI/DUI

July 12, 2:06 a.m., Crescent Road at Southway. A 22-year-old New Carrollton woman was arrested and charged with multiple alcohol-related violations after a traffic stop. She was released on citations pending trial.

Drug Arrests

July 8, 7:27 p.m., Greenbelt Road at Mandan Road. A 22-year-old Greenbelt man was arrested and charged with driving while impaired by drugs, possession of marijuana and possession of drug paraphernalia. He was released to the Department of Corrections for a hearing before a district court commissioner.

Disorderly Conduct

July 13, 11:04 a.m., 5900 block Cherrywood Terrace. A 44-year-old Greenbelt man was arrested for disorderly conduct and released on citation pending trial.

Burglaries

July 6, 1:21 p.m., 7900 block Greenbury Drive. A nonresident juvenile was petitioned for attempted burglary and released to a parent pending action by the Department of Juvenile Services.

July 9, 7:10 p.m., 6700 block Springshire Way. A portable game system was taken.

July 10, 11:16 p.m., 6900 block Hanover Parkway. An attempted burglary occurred.

July 13, 10 a.m., 5900 block Cherrywood Terrace. A computer, tools and a safe were taken.

Vandalism

July 9, 6:30 a.m., Hamilton Place. A garden plot was damaged.

July 12, 7:37 p.m., 6100 block Breezewood Court. A window was broken.

July 12, 7:39 p.m., 9000 block Breezewood Terrace. A window was broken.

July 13, 9:42 a.m., 6000 block

Springhill Drive. A vacant apartment was damaged.

Vehicle Crimes

Four vehicles were stolen, one of which was recovered. A silver 2002 Dodge Caravan taken July 11 from the 7900 block Mandan Road was recovered July 13 in the 200 block Malcolm X Avenue, SE, Washington, D.C., with no arrests made. Other stolen vehicles include a green 1993 Infiniti with NC tags taken July 10 from the 6300 block Golden Triangle Drive, a white 1994 Dodge Caravan with MD tags taken July 12 from 4 Court Gardenway and a silver 2007 Ford Fusion with MD tags taken July 13 from the 8000 block Mandan Road. An attempted auto theft occurred in the 100 block Westway.

Two stolen vehicles were recovered. A green 1996 Dodge Stratus reported stolen from Washington, DC was recovered July 11 in the 7900 block Mandan Road with no arrests made. A brown 2001 Chevrolet Malibu reported stolen through Prince George's County Police was recovered July 12 in the 6000 block Springhill Drive with no arrests made.

A MD tag reported stolen through Prince George's County Police was recovered July 14 in the 9100 block Edmonston Road with no arrests made.

Four reports of thefts from autos were received: Greenbelt Metro Parking Lot (DVD player), 6100 block Breezewood Court (DVD player, GPS unit, game console and stereo), 9300 block Edmonston Road (GPS unit), 9100 block Edmonston Court (rear MD tag).

Vandalism was reported in two locations: Beltway Plaza Shopping Center (car windows were broken) and 6500 block Capitol Drive (car window was broken).



The Robert Goddard Electric Strings perform at Roosevelt Center on May 22 at a concert in the Eileen Peterson Youth Music Series. Shown are, back row: Kevin Gillis (director), Malcom Taylor, Patty Cummins, Mary Cummins, Sahara Becker, Gabrielle Kirlaw, Alexandra Rapp and Cecile Caron. Front Row: Mitchell Davis (director), Abram Shaw, Lucia Killday, Drew Darden and Teresa Smith.

Music Festival Is Funded by Award

by Leta Mach

The lovely sounds of students' voices and instruments filling Roosevelt Center have been linked with experiences of children who learned how to play tennis, adults considering how to live more simply and protections for the region's watershed as projects made possible by the Greenbelt Consumer Cooperative's Jim Cassels Community Service Award.

Friends of New Deal Café Arts (FONDCA), recipient of the 4th annual Jim Cassels Community Service Award, used their \$1,000 grant to sponsor the Eileen Peterson Youth Music Series. The series, named in honor of the late resident Eileen Peterson, gives talented young people from neighboring schools the opportunity to perform for the community.

On Saturday, May 22 two musical groups from Robert Goddard Middle School led off this year's music festival with a free concert in Roosevelt Center. Next, Greenbelt's 73rd anniversary was celebrated June 5 with a concert that featured the Northwestern High School Jazz Ensemble and three young women from Eleanor Roosevelt High School in a choral group they described as an Indie pop/alternative band.

Students from Robert Goddard Middle School also performed in the inaugural concert of the Eileen Peterson Youth Music Series last spring. The New Deal Café,

under the direction of Café President Terri Rutledge, produces the series.

Eileen Peterson, who died two summers ago, was a volunteer for the Café and FONDCA and was especially interested in supporting music programs and programs that encouraged youth.

The Jim Cassels Community Service grant permits FONDCA to present each performing group with a gratuity to support the music program at their respective schools.

Previous Winners

Previous winners of the Jim Cassels Community Service Award are the Beaverdam Creek Watershed Group in 2006, the Greenbelt Climate Action Network in 2007 and the Greenbelt Tennis Association (GTA) for its Kids' Tennis Clinic in 2008.

The Greenbelt Consumer Cooperative will announce the winner of the 5th annual Jim Cassels Community Service Award at the Cooperative's annual meeting in

November.

The award recognizes an organization or group that has made significant contributions to the Greenbelt community with a \$1,000 grant to be used for a new project or activity during the following year.

The award recognizes the spirit of Jim Cassels, former president of the Cooperative, who died in 2008. Throughout his many years in the Greenbelt community, he worked to help local groups, mentor new cooperatives, guide and promote senior housing and even got up at dawn to deliver newspapers in Green Ridge House.

Applicants who are interested in being considered for this award should complete the application form that is available through the Co-op office or online at http://fd2.formdesk.com/coop/cassels_award. Applications should be returned to the Co-op main office by October 15, 2010.

Leta Mach is a member of the Jim Cassels Awards Committee.

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On Sunday, July 25 from 4 to 7 p.m. the Three Sisters Gardens will hold its Fourth Sunday Food and Fun Raising event at Schrom Hills Park. The event, a project of the nonprofit organization CHEARS, is the kick off for the second sister garden, which will be in Schrom Hills Park. Schrom Hills Park is at 6915 Hanover Parkway; all are invited.

The schedule includes a workshop on Eco-Circles and Drought Tolerant Practice Tips from 4 to 5 p.m., hands-on garden site preparation from 5 to 6 p.m. and a potluck picnic from 6 to 7 p.m. (bring food to share). The picnic will be a chance for participants to enjoy some of the produce from the Greenbelt Center Garden behind the Community Center.

The workshop will focus on discussion of water-saving garden practices and plants adapted to need less water. This is important because scientists say climate change will mean more extreme temperatures and difficulties with ever-increased prospects of drought and the loss of precious topsoil.

Eco-circles provide one simple way of growing food in small spaces using very little water and preventing top soil loss. Master Gardener Intern Lucy Duff will share information on saving water and drought tolerant practice tips and Maggie Cahalan will share information on Eco-Circles.

For more information email maggie@chears.org. The Prince George’s County Master Gardeners will be assisting with the Three Sisters Garden.

– Maggie Cahalan

At left: Some of the food grown by members of the Three Sisters Garden Project at their first garden behind the Greenbelt Community Center.

The kick off for a second garden at Schrom Hills Park will be held on Sunday, July 25 from 4 to 7 p.m.

Bowie Old Town Events Saturday

The Old Town Bowie Welcome Center and Bowie’s Heritage and Children’s Museum will be open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday, July 24. The center and the museums are located at 8606 Chestnut Avenue.

On the Old Town Village Green, Positive Vibration will offer a summer concert of reggae music from 2 to 3 p.m.

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The free exhibit is located on the first floor of the museum at Fossil Hall. It will be open indefinitely.

Library System Overdue Fines

Effective July 1 fines for overdue materials at the Prince George’s County libraries increased, along with other fees. Details on these changes can be found at the Circulation Desks in the branch libraries.

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The Senate Appropriations Committee has approved the Fiscal Year 2011 Agriculture, Rural Development and Food and Drug Administration Appropriations Bill that includes an additional \$6.6 million in special funding for BARC. The bill now moves to the Senate floor for a vote, which has not yet been scheduled.

Included are the following for BARC, the USDA Research Service flagship facility, which celebrates its centennial this year and currently employs 975 federal employees, of them 249 scientists conducting research critical to farm economy and Americans’ health and nutrition: \$3 million earmarked for building improvements and deferred maintenance backlogs, which will be used to upgrade energy savings, repair research labs’ heating and cooling systems and roof repairs.

The remaining \$3.6 million is for research projects in poultry disease, human nutrition, food safety, crop breeding and protection, colony collapse disorder in bees and local food systems research.

Navy Band Offers Free Concert Monday

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City’s Library in Abstentia Doing Well, Serving All

by Ginny Jones

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Savvy patrons who use the online service (www.pgcmis.info) to reserve items get email notification when the items are available. Such patrons often arrive at the library to pick up the item within an hour of receiving notification, which really impresses the staff.

Reading Programs

Four separate summer reading programs are going on now at the library. The “Make A Splash, Read” program for ages 5 and under has 20 different activities to choose from. “Make A Splash” for ages 6 to 10 offers 10 different ways to participate. The “Make Waves at Your Library” Teen Summer Reading program (ages 11 through 18) includes a time log and a book review form to enter for prize drawings.

The “Escape to Reading” program for adults (over 18) has a grand prize drawing for a One Night Stay at the Gaylord National Resort at National Harbor, Md. The reading programs will end on August 15 with the adult grand prize drawing deadline on August 16.

There are several advantages to visiting the temporary library. All magazines – even current is-

suues – can be checked out. The past week of newspapers is also available for reading. Items requested from another library are delivered during the week, usually taking only two to three days to arrive.

The book drop at the back entrance of the library building is still available to patrons but is not emptied on the weekend. Thus, patrons are encouraged to bring books to the Community Center library room or drop them off at any other library in Prince George’s County.

Employees

Although there were several retirements among the Greenbelt library staff, no staff members have been laid off during the renovation period. Several staff members have been reassigned to other libraries in the county. The staff at the Community Center location include Elizabeth Wilkins (librarian III), Deb Tinsley (circulation supervisor) and Ellen Utley (branch manager). They have adjusted to the temporary setting with grace and good will.

Book Donations

Because of the tight quarters, the library is unable to accept donated books and materials during the renovations. The staff reminds patrons that the Greenbelt Elementary School will gladly accept book donations beginning August 1 for their book sale at the Labor Day Festival.

Renovations

The library renovations currently underway will upgrade the electrical systems, including new energy-efficient lighting and more computer outlets, as well as additional computers. The interior will be repainted and the children’s area will have a new look. Several group study rooms will be also be created.

Books in the library in the main stacks remain in place but have been covered with plastic. Books on shelving that is scheduled to be replaced have been stored in boxes. The renovations are expected to be complete in November.

Until then, come and check out items at the Community Center location – the limit per patron is 75 items.

Cathy Jones and Bill Jones also contributed to this article, making its writing a Jones family affair.

This Shaking Planet of Ours

by Virginia Beauchamp

I was reading in bed last Friday morning – it was around 5 o’clock – when someone (I thought) violently rattled my storm door. Very strange, since it was already light and whoever it was could be seen easily. I peered through the drawn blinds to look out on – no one. Only later did I learn that what rattled my door had been an earthquake – centered near, but deep beneath, Rockville.

Naturally I thought back to other earthquakes I had known. In my somewhat nomadic past, I have lived in earthquake-prone places – one year on Luzon Island in the mountainous Philippines, some seven months in the northern mountain region of Japan.

And, yes, while inspecting the grass lawn outside our Red Cross club in Batangas, Batangas (that’s the major port city of the province of the same name on Luzon) I felt the earth stir. Nothing more.

“What was that!” we all exclaimed.

I’ll come back to Luzon in a moment. But let me take you to that mountainous, earthquake-prone country of northern Japan and the capital city of the prefecture – Yamagata, Yamagata. (For some reason I kept ending up in places with names like hiccups. “Yama,” of course, means “mountain.”)

And nothing happened at all – not a single earth tremor.

Was I lucky? Or was I deprived?

Mount Pinatubo

My second assignment on Luzon had been in the province of Zambales, an hour or more north by jeep from Subic Bay, the major American naval base before, and after, World War II. We were at a tiny army base near a small town called San Marcelino.

And looming overhead was an impressive major mountain called Pinatubo – an extinct volcano, we were told. It had last erupted some four centuries earlier. But it had left behind a relic – a strange black sand that formed the beaches of the not-so-distant provincial shore.

On a day off, an officer friend and I decided to drive as far as we could go by jeep up the slope of that mountain. It was a rocky, rutted trail – more pathway than road. And finally it petered away to nothing. There was nothing for us to do but stop and look.

That’s what we were doing when two native boys in loin cloths – negritos, as they were called – came forth to look at us. (The native negritos had been pushed up into the mountains centuries earlier by the arrival of more accomplished, and hostile, tribes.)

There is nothing more to tell of that adventure. We drove back, of course, and resumed our daily lives.

Then, before long, another experience of nature at her worst awaited us – enduring the winds and rain of a major hurricane. Luckily our base was at the storm’s fringe. Our billet survived basically intact, though our Red Cross club lost half its roof.

I later saw how the storm’s

fury had demolished sections of roadway further north on the route from Manila to the military rest resort of Baguio. For three weeks that road had been closed as crews worked to repair broken sections washed away down the mountainside leading there. Our convoy was the first to use it once the route had been reopened and I am here to say some stretches took my breath away.

Local Quakes

Which brings me back to serene, unmountainous sections of the United States. I was sitting – alone – in the living room of my parents’ home in Ann Arbor some time after my return from the Far East. I was in a comfy easy chair, reading, as I remember. Suddenly I looked up – startled – as the chair moved noticeably beneath me. I had never before felt an earthquake in Michigan, though I had lived there all my life.

And so now – a minor earthquake in this area of Maryland.

The whole world knows what happened to Mount Pinatubo – that “extinct” volcano I had so innocently ascended. In June 1991 it erupted in what has been described as “the most violent, destructive volcanic event of the 20th century.” Heavy ash falls blanketed most of three provinces – Zambales, Tarlac and Pampanga.

Can my friends from San Marcelino, close to the mountain, possibly have survived? And what of the negrito children I had seen on its very slopes? – now adults, had they lived so long?

A second major explosion took place on the fifth day after the first eruption and a fourth one the day after that. Nineteen, all told, occurred on the seventh day.

A tornado leveled La Plata in nearby Maryland and another took two lives at the university in College Park.

I don’t know about you. But as I close out my 90th decade, I have strong regard for nature’s renewed and renewing wrath.



Please help the Outstanding Citizen Committee find the next outstanding citizen. Submit your nomination for that person whose volunteer service to our community has made him or her your choice to be the Greenbelt Outstanding Citizen of 2010.



Greenbelt Labor Day Festival Committee, Inc.

NOMINATION FORM Greenbelt’s Outstanding Citizen

Submit this form or a letter by Monday, August 2 to:
Robert Zugby, Chair
94 Ridge Rd., Greenbelt, MD 20770

Name of Nominee _____

Address _____

Attach a statement (preferably printed or typed) which explains why the nominee deserves recognition as Greenbelt’s Outstanding Citizen. Possible subjects include a list of organizations or activities in which the nominee has participated, including length of time; specific accomplishments during each period of service; the impact on Greenbelt or on people within the city; and personal qualities which make the nominee special. Award is for volunteer (unpaid) work only. Supporting printed material will be accepted but is not required. Testimonials by others as to the person’s good works will be helpful.

You may be contacted for additional information. If you prefer, send this form now and complete the statement later, but no later than the August 2nd deadline.

Nominated By: _____
Name(s) (please print) Signature(s) Phone



Ken Littlefield checks out books from the mini-library. At left is Perry Douros, at right Susan Slyter, both library employees.

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